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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 C.F.R §1.53 is the patent application of: Lawrence Alexander HRUSCHAK, Terry James McLEAN, and Richard Todd ARISS

entitled: "Method and Apparatus to Reduce Slot Width in Tubular Members"

Enclosed are:

<u>X</u>	_30_ pages of written description, claims and abstract.
X	13 sheets of formal drawings.
	an assignment of the invention to
X	unexecuted declaration of the inventors and power of attorney.
	a certified copy of a application.
	associate power of attorney.
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27.
	information disclosure statement.
	preliminary amendment
	Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
<u>X</u>	other: Application Data Sheet

CLAIMS AS FILED

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
BASIC FEE			\$770	\$770
TOTAL CLAIMS	43-20=	23	x \$18	\$414
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	10 -3=	7	x \$86	\$602
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			x \$290	

* Number extra must be zero or larger **TOTAL \$1786** If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here. **SMALL ENTITY TOTAL**

<u>X</u> _	No filing fee is enclosed at this time. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 07-1969 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
	Charge the amount of \$ as filing fee. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Charge the issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b). Other			
	Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 USC 120)			
	Applicant claims priority under 35 USC 120 to the following application(s):			
<u>X</u>	Benefit of Prior U.S. Provisional Application(s) (35 USC 119(e))	15)		
	60/463,917 filed 04/17/03			
_	Benefit of Prior Foreign Application(s) (35 USC 119)			
	Applicant claims priority under 35 USC 119 to the following applications:			

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